

**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2008
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on December 3, 2008 at 10:05 AM at the Santa Clara County Administration Building, Board Chambers in San Jose, CA.

Members Present: Quentin Kopp, Chairman
Fran Florez
Rod Diridon, Sr.
Lynn Schenk
TJ Stapleton
Thomas Umberg
Curt Pringle

Members Absent: David Crane
Kirk Lindsey

Opening Comments

Chairman Kopp welcomed Board Members to today's meeting.

Member Diridon presented Congress Member Zoe Lofgren to the Board, Mayor of San Jose, Chuck Reed and Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors David Cortese who congratulated the Authority on passage of Proposition 1A.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings

Chairman Kopp presented the minutes from the October 1st meeting for approval. Member Stapleton moved to approve, Member Schenk seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation

Chairman Kopp presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Diridon moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation seconded by Member Florez. The motion carried 5-0.

Member Reports

Chairman Kopp thanked the campaign management teams that enabled passage by the voters of Proposition 1A. He also recognized the Authority now has many new responsibilities with the passage of the proposition especially securing necessary remaining funds and speedy completion of engineering design.

Member Umberg acknowledged the passage of Proposition 1A with comments concerning the effort.

Member Diridon stated APTA met in San Diego on October 4, 2008 through October 8, 2008.

Member Stapleton thanked all of the people who were involved on the passage of Proposition 1A.

Member Schenk thanked Executive Director Morshed and all involved in the support of Proposition 1A.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Morshed reported:

- He acknowledged Chairman Kopp, Member Pringle, Member Schenk and Member Crane for their involvement in high-speed rail activity since the last Board meeting.
- The executive staff was thanked for completing the Business Plan within 45 days.
- The next Annual Plan/Report will be completed by late 2009 or early 2010.
- Proposed 2009 Board meeting calendar was presented and approved by the Board. The meetings will be held in Sacramento with a 10:00 AM start time.
- Mary Cole was introduced as the new Executive Secretary, Mehdi's new assistant, who will work with him and act as the Board Secretary. She will be available if Mehdi is not.
- Met with CalTrain officials to construct an environment in which there will be close cooperation in the CalTrain on the San Francisco corridor and, based on this idea, will develop an MOU with the Joint Powers Authority.

Cooperative Agreement with Department of Transportation

Executive Director Morshed stated that he would begin negotiations on an agreement with Caltrans to the extent that it is mutually beneficial to both parties to enter into such an agreement. It will be presented to the board for approval. Diridon moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Member Florez. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Federal Funding Strategy

Mr. Kadesh reported federal funding sources which are being discussed in the Congress and advised the Authority to begin aggressively pursuing these matching funds.

Close Session Pertaining to Litigation and Personnel Matters

The Board moved into Closed Session at 11:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:05.

The Board returned to open session after the closed session and announced that the Board had given staff direction regarding the litigation. The Board concluded that the executive staff has been meeting the needs of the Authority and have been completing their duties at a very satisfactory level.

Federal Funding Strategy (continued)

Mr. Sasha Page of Infrastructure Management Group, Inc. reported that the private sector is beginning to become involved in the project. There is much interest in the private sector and we want their participation but we want it done in a coordinated effort. There were 28 firms interested in participation and we would like to continue to work with them to keep them actively involved with the project. It is important that the federal funds be aggressively pursued or the project may lose funds that are being identified in the current federal budget review and proposed congressional legislation. The Board directed Mr. Page to verify the current interest of all such firms and report the result to the Board at its February meeting.

Work Program Discussion

Tony Daniels outlined the work that is currently being done on the project as a whole. He discussed the federal regulations process that needs to be addressed to move the project forward and answered questions posed by the Board.

Eugene Kim, Project Manager with STV, Inc., presented an overview of the segment progress and some of the strategies and challenges before the team in the Los Angeles to Anaheim corridor.

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was provided after all agenda items were heard. The following people presented comments as the agenda items were considered by the Board: Albert Beltran, Jr., Jim Bigelow, David Cortese, Zoe Lofgren, Jean-Pierre Mendoza, Chuck Reed, Peter Skinner and Ben Tripousis.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm